IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Art Unit:	
Mehdi-Laurent AKKAR)	Washington,	D.C.
U.S. App. No.: (Not Yet Assigned))))	January 30,	2001
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For: METHOD OF EXECUTING A)	Docket No.:	AKKAR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim 4, line 1, delete "to 3"

Claim 5, line 1, delete "to 4"

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert therefor "claim 1" $\,$

Claim 8, line 1, delete "to 6"

Claim 9, line 1, delete "to 6"

Claim 10, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert therefor "claim 1"

 Claim 12, line 1, delete "to 10"

If, inadvertently, a proper multiple dependent claim has not been amended to reduce it to single dependency, please amend it to be dependent solely on the first-mentioned claim, or, if that is not possible, please cancel the claim and notify the undersigned.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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